

**CHAP. 532.**—An Act Establishing a commission for the participation of the United States in the observance of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the patriotic action taken by the people of Mecklenburg County of North Carolina in May, 1775, in declaring their independence of the English Crown.

March 4, 1925.

[S. 4361.]

[Public, No. 607.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That there is hereby established a commission to be known as the United States Mecklenburg Sesquicentennial Commission (hereinafter referred to as the commission) and to be composed of eleven commissioners, as follows: Three persons to be appointed by the President of the United States, four Senators by the President of the Senate, and four Members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker. The commission shall serve without compensation and shall select a chairman from among their number.

Mecklenburg Sesquicentennial Commission.

Established with eleven members.

No pay.

**SEC. 2.** There is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$5,000 to be expended by the commission for actual and necessary traveling expenses and subsistence while discharging its official duties outside the District of Columbia.

Amount authorized for expenses.  
Post, p. 1317.

**SEC. 3.** There is hereby authorized to be appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$10,000 to be utilized in the discretion of the commission for the appropriate participation on the part of the United States in the celebration and observance at the city of Charlotte, county of Mecklenburg, North Carolina, on the 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, and 22d days of May, 1925, of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the patriotic action of the citizens of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, in May, 1775, in declaring their independence of the English Crown.

Amount authorized for participating in celebration at Charlotte, N. C.  
Post, p. 1317.

Approved, March 4, 1925.

**CHAP. 533.**—An Act To provide for extension of payment on homestead entries on ceded lands of the Fort Peck Indian Reservation, State of Montana, and for other purposes.

March 4, 1925.

[S. 4367.]

[Public, No. 608.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That all persons who have made homestead entries, being actual settlers within the boundaries of the Fort Peck Indian Reservation are hereby granted an extension of time for payment of one-half the amount, including principal and interest due and unpaid on their homestead entries until the 1st day of November, 1925, and for payment of the other half until the 1st day of November, 1926; all such amounts to bear interest until the payment dates, at 5 per centum per annum: *Provided*, That upon failure to make complete payment of either installment by any such persons the entry shall be canceled and the land revert to the status of other tribal lands of the Fort Peck Indian Reservation.

Fort Peck Indian Reservation, Mont.  
Homestead settlers allowed further time for installment payments.  
Vol. 41, p. 365.

*Proviso.*  
Lands forfeited if payments not made.

**SEC. 2.** All such persons who have abandoned residence on and cultivation of their entries and who are in arrears in any amounts are hereby required to make payment in full of both principal and interest on or before the 1st day of November, 1925: *Provided*, That all delinquent amounts of both principal and interest shall draw interest at the rate of 5 per centum per annum until paid: *Provided further*, That upon failure to make full and complete payment of both principal and interest on or before the 1st day of November, 1925, said entry or entries shall thereupon be canceled, and the land revert to the status of other tribal lands of the Fort Peck Indian Reservation.

Arrears from persons who have abandoned residence, etc., to be paid.

*Provisos.*  
Interest on delinquencies.

Lands forfeited if payments not made.

Approved, March 4, 1925.